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EVENT: Criminal Complaint

Defendant: Stuart W. Bilyeu

**DOCTOR CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL
DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

A resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan voluntarily appeared before a United States Magistrate today in Detroit, Michigan on a complaint that charges him with the unlawful distribution of the Schedule II prescription drug Oxycontin (oxycodone), announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Robert Corso, Drug Enforcement Administration and Special Agent in Charge Daniel D. Roberts, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Named in the complaint was Dr. Stuart W. Bilyeu, age 45, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The supporting affidavit alleges that Bilyeu, a licensed doctor, knowingly dispensed and prescribed controlled substances for other than legitimate medical reasons, outside the course of accepted professional practice, during the operation of his medical practice at the Down River Pain Clinic in Detroit, Michigan.

The complaint further states that Bilyeu prescribed and dispensed massive amounts of Schedule II and III controlled substances, including hundreds of thousands of dosage units of frequently abused pain medications such as hydrocodone (vicodin), Oxycontin (oxycodone), morphine and hydrocodone (dilaudid). In the year 2003, Bilyeu was the second largest physician purchaser of hydrocodone 7.5 mg in the State of Michigan. In 2004, the Bilyeu was the number one physician purchaser of hydrocodone 7,5 mg in Michigan and ranked number 14 in the entire United States.”

The complaint goes on to state that Bilyeu repeatedly prescribed controlled substances to an undercover patient with minimal or no examination, without significant complaints of pain, and with information that the patient was trading the pills for sex. The experience of the undercover officer was consistent with information received from patients and others receiving drugs from Bilyeu. The Complaint states that patients and relatives of patients have complained that Bilyeu was involved in more than one patient overdose and one patient overdose death.

Bilyeu appeared in federal court this afternoon and was released on an unsecured bond. His next court appearance is scheduled for August 8, 2005 at 1:00 pm for a preliminary examination.

A conviction of this offense carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison or a \$1 million fine, or both. Any sentence will ultimately be imposed under the United States Sentence Guidelines according to the nature of the offense and the criminal background, if any, of the defendant.

Federal search warrants were executed in this investigation on May 10, 2005. A large number of medical records and patient files were seized. Patients of Bilyeu, and other doctors who may be treating those patients, may need access to the seized records. Any doctors or patients needing copies of patient records may contact the Drug Enforcement Administration at (313) 234-4329.

A complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. Trial cannot be held on felony charges in a complaint. When the investigation is completed a determination will be made

whether to seek a felony indictment. This case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.